

## Issues Programs List

### Quarterly Issues Programs List

Station(s): KAAK-FM, KLFM-FM, KMON-AM, KMON-FM, KVVR-FM

January 1, 2023 through March 31, 2023

### Section I. Issues

The stations have identified the following topics as significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

- A. **Agriculture.** Agriculture is critical to Montana's economy. News about agricultural issues such as the Farm Bill and Clean Water Act are important to the listeners in our area.
- B. **Spy balloon.** In early February, a balloon of Chinese origin, suspected to be for surveillance purposes, drifted over Montana. There was concern and outrage at the local, state, and national levels.
- C. **Grizzly bears.** The de-listing of the grizzly bear as an endangered species opens them up to hunting. It is important in our area given the increasing livestock predation by grizzlies and encounters with humans.
- D. **Law Enforcement.** There has been an increase in violent crime in our listening area recently, raising concerns regarding law enforcement, along with news on the Missing or Murdered Indigenous People project.
- E. **Infrastructure.** Road construction and other infrastructure projects often mean bottlenecks, delays or detours. Knowing when and where such projects will be taking place is appreciated by our listeners.

### Section II. Responsive Programs

<b>Date Aired</b>	<b>Time aired</b>	<b>Duration (Minutes)</b>	<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Issue Discussed.</b> Description of Program
1/4/23	8:15a	10	Cascade County Commissioner	<b>Local Government, Marijuana.</b> One of the county commissioners was on for their standing monthly interview. They discussed the newly elected officials and a marijuana tax.
1/10/23	8:15a	10	Great Falls Fire & Rescue Chief Jeremy Jones	<b>Fire Safety, Public Safety.</b> The Fire Chief was on for his weekly interview. Topics covered included the plans for construction of a firefighter training center here in Great Falls and gas stove safety.
1/20/23	8:15a	10	US Representative Matt Rosendale	<b>National Politics, Agriculture.</b> Representative Rosendale was on to discuss issues before Congress, such as the national debt ceiling and the Farm Bill.
1/25/23	8:15a	10	US Senator Jon Tester	<b>National Politics, Agriculture.</b> Senator Tester was on, discussing the Farm Bill, a national sales tax, the Waters of the US/Clean Water Act, and whether he was going to run for re-election.
2/1/23	8:15a	10	MT Governor Greg Gianforte	<b>State government, Agriculture, Grizzly bears.</b> Governor Gianforte was on, discussing bills before the state legislature, his plans for a tax revenue surplus, the delisting of the grizzly bear as an

				endangered species, and the Waters of the US/Clean Water Act.
2/8/23	8:15a	10	Cascade County Sheriff Jesse Slaughter	<b>Law Enforcement, Spy balloon.</b> Sheriff Slaughter was on as part of his weekly interview. Topics covered included the Citizen's Academy, recent legislative issues, and the suspected Chinese spy balloon that had drifted over the state.
2/15/23	8:15a	10	US Representative Ryan Zinke	<b>National Politics, Spy balloon, Grizzly bears.</b> Representative Zinke discussed border security, the spy balloon, de-listing the grizzly bear, and agriculture.
2/22/23	8:15a	10	US Senator Jon Tester	<b>National Politics, Agriculture.</b> Senator Tester was on with updates on the Farm Bill and Waters of the US/Clean Water Act. He also announced he was running for re-election.
3/1/23	8:15a	10	Cascade County Commissioner	<b>Local government, Infrastructure.</b> One of the county commissioners was on for their monthly interview, discussing leadership changes at the commission and upcoming road construction projects.
3/8/23	8:15a	10	Cascade County Sheriff Jesse Slaughter	<b>Law Enforcement, Indigenous People.</b> Sheriff Slaughter was on as part of his weekly interview. The topic discussed was the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Person project in partnership with the Little Shell Chippewa tribe.
3/15/23	8:15a	10	MT Governor Greg Gianforte	<b>State government, Agriculture.</b> Governor Gianforte was on, discussing his plans for tax breaks for Montana residents, and Montana Ag Month.
3/21/23	8:15a	10	Great Falls Fire & Rescue Chief Jeremy Jones	<b>Fire Safety, Law Enforcement, Public Safety.</b> The Fire Chief was on for his weekly interview. Topics covered included an update on the training center, along with stresses on local agencies resulting from a recent spate of fatal shootings in Great Falls.